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American Cyanamid Puts Cuba Ransom At 3.3 Million

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New York, Jan. 7 (AP)—The American Cyanamid Corporation announced today that it had given or pledged \$3,300,000 worth of supplies for the ransom of Cuban invasion prisoners.

All told, \$53,000,000 worth of medicines, medical supplies and baby food was pledged to Prime Minister Fidel Castro for the release of 1,113 prisoners seized in the April, 1961, invasion. Scores of American firms contributed to the ransom.

Wholesale Prices

A spokesman for American Cyanamid said it based the value of its contribution on wholesale prices of 45 tons of drugs and sutures contributed on December 17, a subsequent pledge of \$300,000 worth of drugs and a promise of \$1,000,000 worth of insecticide products if they are required and cleared for shipment to Cuba.

The announcement by American Cyanamid followed publication by *Time* magazine of the names of 84 United States firms which donated supplies, including two pharmaceutical houses which *Time* said gave more than \$2,000,000 each and nine other drug companies which each gave \$1,000,000 or more.

Time noted that the value of some contributions on its list was that of goods already shipped to Cuba and not necessarily the firms' full commitments. For eight firms, *Time* said the contributions were undisclosed.

Donors Listed

The magazine said Merck & Co., Rahway, N.J., contributed \$2,501,640 worth of pharmaceuticals and Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis, \$2,342,797.

Listed as donors of more than \$1,000,000 worth of pharmaceuticals were:

Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Mich., \$1,507,040; Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical Company, Morris Plains, N.J., \$1,500,000; Charles Pfizer & Co., Inc., New York, \$1,500,000; Wyeth Laboratories, Radnor, Pa., \$1,491,601; Sterling Drug, Inc., New York, \$1,407,076; McKesson & Robbins, Inc., New York, \$1,398,301; Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc., Nutley, N.J., \$1,131,841; Bristol-Myers Company, New York, \$1,003,404; American Cyanamid Corporation, Pearl River, N.Y., \$1,000,000.

Among the contributors of pharmaceuticals was Hynson, Westcott & Dunning, of Baltimore, listed as supplying \$24,400 worth.